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PASS TO JONES, JACKSON AND DAVIDSON, USGS

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SUBJECT: USGS VISIT YEMEN

REF: STATE 161363

1. REFTEL ARRIVED AT ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE TIME  
SINCE YARG MOVING RAPIDLY INTO MAJOR GEOLOGIC  
PROGRAM. TEAM FROM DRAVO CORP. FROM PITTSBURG  
NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT TO EVALUATE SADAH IRON DEPOSIT.  
RUMANIAN TEAM TO WORK ON HAMARA COPPER DEPOSIT AND  
CHINESE TEAM TO WORK ON AL BAYDA AREA. ALSO HUNTING  
AERIAL SURVEYS WILL MAKE PHOTOGEOLOGIC MAP SCALE  
1:100,000 ENTIRE PRE-CAMBRIAN AND AT SCALE 1:250,000  
FOR REMAINDER OF COUNTRY. YARG BELIEVES THAT BY  
EMPLOYING CONSULTANTS MINERAL EVALUATION CAN BE AC-  
CELERATED, BUT ALSO REALIZE THE NECESSITY OF  
ESTABLISHING INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT AND INTERPRET  
CONSULTANT'S RESULTS.

2. ALI GABER ALAWI, DIRECTOR MINERAL AND PETROLEUM  
AUTHORITY, HAS REQUESTED THAT DAVIDSON AND JACKSON  
VISIT YEMEN BETWEEN AUGUST 10 AND 15 FOR  
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DISCUSSION USGS PARTICIPATION IN GEOLOGIC AND  
MINERAL SURVEY. HE ALSO MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE  
MPA WAS NOT INTERESTED IN REPEATING EXPERIENCE WITH  
THE PREVIOUS ADVISORY GROUP RECENTLY  
TERMINATED. FUTURE PARTICIPATION WILL BE TIED TO  
SPECIFIC PROJECTS. TIBBITTS ASKED AT THIS POINT  
THAT IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE USGS WAS ASKED TO ADVISE

ON A LABORATORY TO SUPPORT THE MINERAL SURVEY, THE MPA WOULD WANT ADVICE ON TYPE OF EQUIPMENT, HELP ON INSTALLATION, AND RUNNING LABORATORY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YEMENI PERSONNEL COULD CONDUCT THE WORK THEMSELVES. THE REPLY WAS "EXACTLY".

3. ASIDE FROM BEING INTERESTED IN USGS ASSISTANCE ON LABORATORIES, THE MPA ALSO WANTS USGS ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF GEOPHYSICS AND PUBLICATIONS. THE CONDITIONS WOULD BE THE SAME IN THAT USGS WOULD HAVE COMPLETE AND SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE SUB-PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY PARTICIPATED. BELIEVE OTHER FIELDS AS, FOR EXAMPLE, USE OF LANDSAT IMAGERY WOULD ALSO BE OPEN TO USGS. ALAWI REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT HE WANTED USGS AND WOULD WELCOME THEIR PARTICIPATION.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE FUNDING OF THE ENVISIONED PROGRAM ALAWI SAID THAT YARG HAD DECIDED TO FUND THEMSELVES IF NECESSARY AND NOT RELY ON OUTSIDE ASSISTANCES. HE INDICATED THAT YARG REGARDED THE PROGRAM AS TOO IMPORTANT TO AWAIT ACTION FROM THE ARAB FUND OR OTHER DONORS.

5. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT DAVIDSON AND JACKSON SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESENT SPECIFIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSALS, INCLUDING COSTS TO YARG, FOR USGS PARTICIPATION IN LABORATORY SUPPORT TO THE MINERAL AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY, THE GEOPHYSICAL PROGRAM, THE PUBLICATION PROGRAM AND IN OTHER AREAS WHERE USGS HAS PARTICULAR INTEREST.

6. ADVISE PRIORITY ETA JACKSMK AND DAVIDSON SINCE ALAWI WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY AFTER AUGUST 20. IF ADVANCED SHEETS GROLIER-OVERSTREET COMPOSIT GEOLOGIC MAP THAT IS BEING PRINTED IN 5,000 COPIES AVAILABLE, PLEASE BRING.  
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